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PIEZOELECTRIC FILTER, AND  
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2817

Examiner: D. Takaoka

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1. EP 1 217 734 A;
2. US 6,131,256;
3. EP 1 209 807 A;
4. EP 1 233 511 A;
5. Ketcham et al., "Performance of TFR Filters Under Elevated Power Conditions"; 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Frequency Control Symposium; 1998; Microelectronics Research Center; Applied Sciences Center' pp. 106-111;

and

6. Seabury et al., "Thin Film ZnO Based Bulk Acoustic Mode Filters";  
Microwave Symposium Digest; Vol. 1; June 1997' pp. 181-184,

Applicants do not submit copies of these six references herewith as all six references were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 8, 2005.

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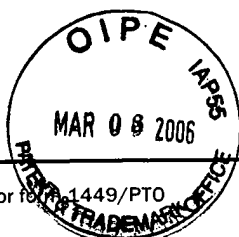
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